

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. B-4830

### 1. Name

Historic 2211 - 2221 Canary Court  
and / common

### 2. Location

street & number 2211 - 2221 Canary Court  
city, town Baltimore  
state & zip code Maryland 21231 county

### 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property

name  
street & number  
city, town state & zip code telephone

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Land Records liber  
street & number Clarence Mitchell Courthouse folio  
city, town Baltimore State Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title  
date federal state county local  
depository for survey records  
city, town state & zip code

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## 7. Description

**Condition**

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

**Check One**

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

**Check One**

☒ original site  
☐ moved:  
date of move: \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This group of six Italianate-style houses on the south side of Canary Ct., west of Madeira St., with shed roofs and original simple wooden bracketed cornices were built in 1882 -1883 by the same builder responsible for 310-316 S. Madeira St., just to the south. Like many houses still occupied by working class families in this area, the houses were covered with formstone in the 1950s or 1960s and have been well maintained. The formstone covering obscures all of the houses' original features, including the cornice.

The houses are two stories in height, only 10' wide and occupy lots 41'5" deep. Each house is only two rooms deep, with a one-story rear addition. They were probably constructed in common bond, which was always painted. Today, they are completely covered with formstone, including the cornice area, and no original features can be discerned. If the houses resembled those at 310-316 S. Madeira St. the cornice would have consisted of a crown molding supported by two simple scroll-sawn brackets at each end that frame a deep, frieze area decorated only with a succession of moldings. Door and window openings flat lintels (whether splayed brick or wood cannot be determined) and brick sills. All windows are filled with 1/1 replacement sash. Doorways have single-light transoms but no original doors remain. The houses sit on low basements with entrances being reached by one or two brick or concrete steps.

The floor plan consists of a front and back room with the stairs rising in the middle of the house, parallel to the façade. The stairs, with an elegant balustrade and newel post, are partially open to the front parlor.

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## 8. Significance

Period	Area of significance	check one & justify			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other: specify	

Specific dates 1882 - 1883

Builder/Architect George Hershman

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This group of houses is significant in that it represents the level of architectural stylishness achieved by many builders of small street houses in the late nineteenth century. The houses were built by George Hershman, a prolific builder of working class houses in East Baltimore, according to a pattern that was quite common to the city's working class neighborhoods of the period c. 1880 to 1910. Recognizing that workers held different levels of jobs (and pay), builders created a hierarchy of house sizes (and prices) in the new neighborhoods going up to serve the expanding factory districts ringing the harbor and northeast of the central city. Builders acquired anywhere from an eighth to a half of a city block and built 14' to 15'-wide two-or three-story houses on the main streets, and smaller, 11' to 13'-wide two-story houses on the narrower streets bisecting the blocks. Typically, in this period, main street houses might sell for \$1,200 to \$1,500; small street houses for \$700 - \$900.

The land originally belonged to the Patterson family as part of their 18<sup>th</sup> century estate, which also included the land given by the family to the city for Patterson Park. In the 1870s the Patterson heirs began developing this block by leasing parcels to various builders, who built 15'-wide two-story houses on Gough and Bank Streets, and three-story houses on Collington and Patterson Park Avenues.

Hershman obtained his construction financing from the Tenth German-American Building Association and sold his houses to mainly German-American semi-skilled tradesmen and laborers employed in nearby factories. Buyers, too, received mortgages from both the Ninth and the Tenth German-American Building Associations.

Hershman also built 307 - 323 and 310 - 316 S. Madeira St. and the row on the north side of Canary Ct., originally called Madeira Ct.

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## 9. Major Bibliographic References

Mary Ellen Hayward and Charles Belfoure, *The Baltimore Rowhouse*  
(New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 1999)

## 10. Geographic Data

Acreage of nominated property

Quadrangle name

Verbal boundary description and justification

## 11. Form Prepared by

name / title Dr. Mary Ellen Hayward

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city, town Baltimore

date

telephone

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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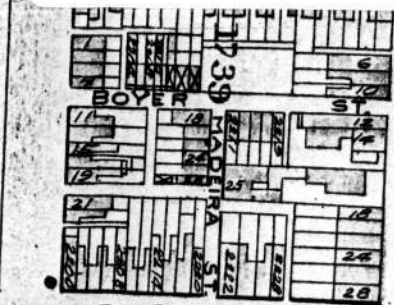
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BALTO. MD



E. LOMBARD

S. COLLINGTON

E. PRATT

S. PATTERSON PARK

COUGH

BANK

SUPR. HOUSE

FOUNTAIN

TOWER

FORT

FOUNTAIN

TAURUS

MALL

CONSERVATORY

CASINO

PARK

BOAT LAKE

DRIVE

SOUTH DRIVE



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Baltimore East Quad.

